

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 39, line 14 (para. 172 in corresponding Publication No. US 2005/0119649 A1) with the following rewritten paragraph:

A wide variety of anchors may be employed. The exemplary anchor 704 illustrated in FIGS. 33-36 includes a flexible, pre-shaped carrier 706 and a pair of tissue piercing members 708. The exemplary carrier 706 has a pair of end portions 706a/706b and an interior portion 706c. When in an unstressed (or relaxed) state, the interior portion 706c will be in spaced relation to a surface, such as a tissue surface, which the end portions 706a/706b are in contact with. The carrier 706 and tissue piercing members 708 are dimensioned and positioned relative to one another such that the carrier will be deflected (and stressed) when the piercing members are placed into tissue. As a result, the stimulation electrodes 702, which do not pierce tissue, will be forced (or "biased") against the tissue when the piercing members 708 engage the tissue. The exemplary anchor 704 will be bent into a configuration that is flat, such that the interior portion 706c engages the tissue, or is close to flat, when the piercing members 708 are completely into the tissue.